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Players Are Afraid Army Call May Follow If They Play More

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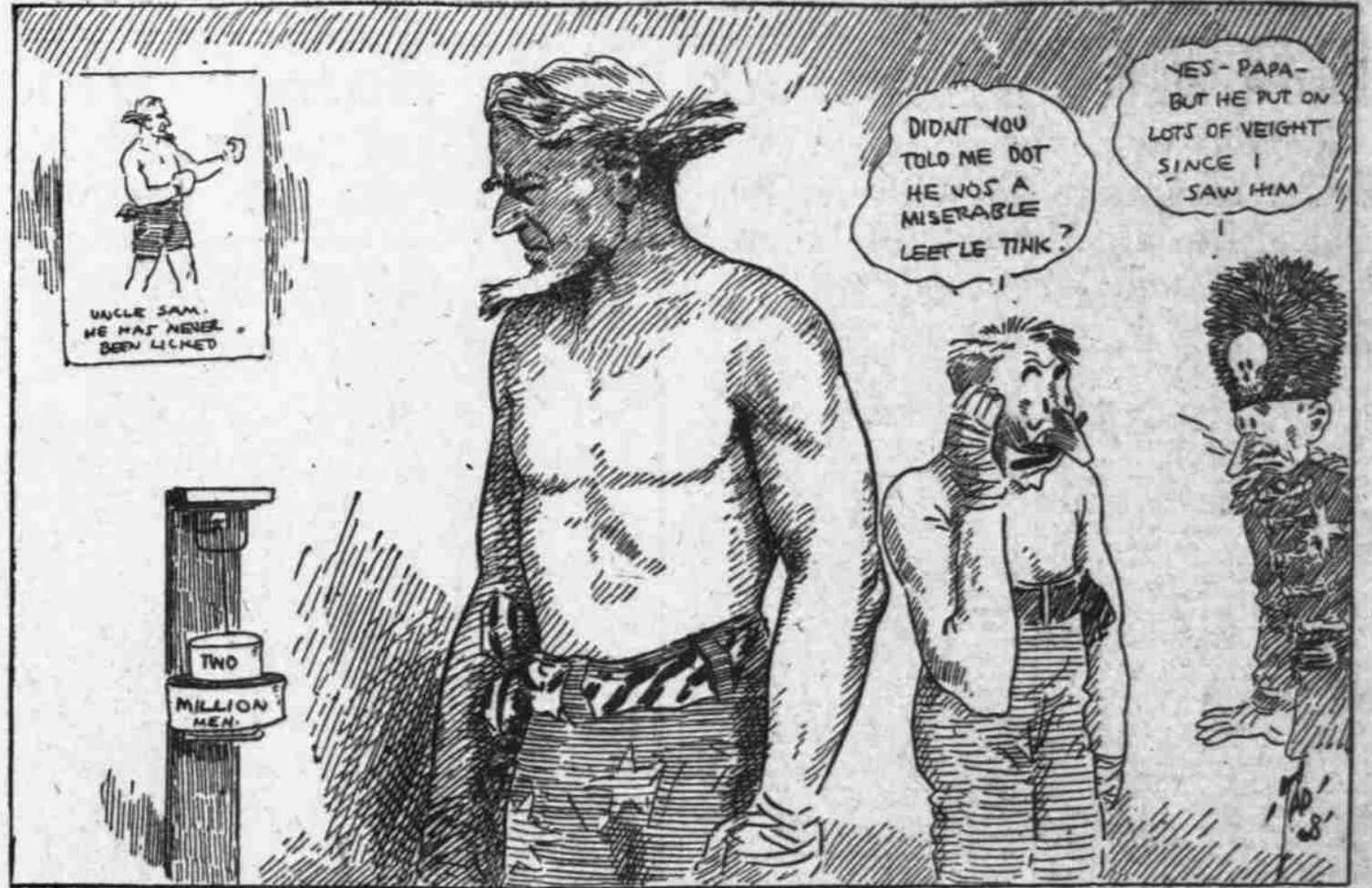
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PLAYERS' FEAR MAY END ALL CHANCE FOR SERIES

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

When Labor Day comes, it is likely to bring along with it complete demobilization of American and National League teams. The world's series of 1918 may never be played. Unless they are guaranteed protection of their deferred classifications in the army draft, the players on the Cubs and Red Sox, which shape up as the pennant winners, will not play ball a day after September 1.

"Unless we get written permissions from our draft boards, we shall not play in any world's series," is what the Cubs say, following a meeting in the club house. "We're taking no chances of being forced into the army."

Of course, it might be possible to stage an alleged world's series, with the contending teams made up of men over or under the present draft ages, but the fans would never support such a series and it would never do baseball any good. Rather, on the other hand, it would injure the game irreparably.

If the signs of the times are read correctly, Boston is taking little or no interest in the projected world's series in which the Red Sox are to defend the glories of the American League. Indeed, Boston fans have about decided that the "glories" of the American League exist only on paper.

Chicago is enthusiastic over the chances of the Cubs to win a world's series. National League fans, for the first time in ten years, are backing a winner and their joy knows no bounds. If the Cubs do play in a title series, there will be huge crowds in Chicago, anyway, no matter what happens in the American League city. The hitch in the whole affair is the announcement from Gen. Crowder that "now it will be a hot race between the players and the local draft boards." The athletes are afraid that if they play ball after September 1, their boards may immediately order them into the army, although this would be contrary to law. But the players are taking no chances.

As the case has been all along, the alleged leaders of baseball continue to remain in the game of their own volition. Indeed, they are sitting back and waiting for the ship to go ashore, hoping it will be a good one and not rocks that scrapes the keel.

Clark Griffith, showing considerable wisdom, has turned down all suggestions of his succeeding Ban Johnson at the head of the American League. Griffith comes out on the other hand, for Johnson, saying he is the best man ever in charge of a league's affairs.

Opinions differ among baseball writers around the league as to the chances of Johnson. Some loudly demand his resignation. A few speak in a friendly manner of Griffith's suggestion. Most of them mention no candidate. Others claim that Johnson is still the best man in sight. So there you are.

The Griffiths will probably play here Sunday, coming over from Philadelphia for a scrap with the Athletics and returning to the Quaker City after the last man is out.

CAMP MEIGS STACKS UP WITH CLARENDON

Camp Meigs players will entertain Clarendon Sunday afternoon, and a battle of southpaws will probably ensue. The soldiers are likely to select either Golding or Rockford, both left-handed pitchers, while Manager Joe Giebel says he will probably start Reds Schaffer.

Since Giebel took charge of the Clarendon team he has won five straight games. Giebel is leading his team in hitting and appears to have a strong title contender. Clarendon will probably use "Tacks" McCarthy in center field in the absence of Boien.

URNS DOWN WILLIAMS. CINCINNATI, Aug. 8.—Claude Williams, the southpaw pitcher, who jumped the White Sox to enter a shipyard at Wilmington, Del., has lost his claim of \$183.06 salary from June 1 to June 11. The National Commission ruled that he "arbitrarily" with but three days' notice, quite the champions, and is, therefore, not entitled to the money.

CHANGES MANAGERS. The Agriculture Messengers should be addressed care A. Muehlitz, 1248 Twentieth street northwest, in future. They have won fourteen games in a row and are looking for made battles.

HIT-AND-RUN PLAY PROVES DANGEROUS FOR FOHL'S OUTFIT

By ED BANG.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 8.—The hit and run is what beat Cleveland when Washington trimmed the Indians 5 to 2 Wednesday. The Indians seemed deathly afraid that the Griffs were going to work this play at every opportunity and Steve O'Neill was kept busy calling for pitcher-outs throughout the game.

It was the hit and run in the first inning that gave Foster a single through the spot vacated by Chapman after Morton had passed Shotton, the first batter, and this led to a run for Washington.

In the second Ainsmith stole as Shaw fattened another hit and run attempt, but Eddie was left.

Stops Double Play. The hit and run prevented a double play in the fourth, his big lead enabling Shanks, who had singled as a starter, to reach second when Lavan grounded to Johnston and there Hank was left.

Foster singled with one down in the fifth, but was doubled stealing, as Judge struck out on the hit and run.

These persistent attempts finally broke through the Indians' defenses again in the sixth, when a single by Schulte off the right field wall was followed by a single by Shanks and a double by Johnston. A force play put runners on first and third, and then the double steal went over.

They Fell Apart. And it was in attempting to break up the hit and run in the seventh that the Indians went to pieces.

After one out Shotton walked, O'Neill called for a pitch-out to break up the hit and run, but Bert beat the throw to second, going to third as Steve's peg was wild. The pitch-outs had put Morton in a hole, and he passed Foster. Then came a triple by Judge and a single by Schulte and the game was on ice, though the Indians rallying in the ninth did force Griffith to call on Johnson to save the day.

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CLEVELAND TURNS OUT LARGEST CROWDS SO FAR

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 8.—The Sixth City leads the American League in turning out the largest crowds of the present season. Cleveland's biggest outpouring of fans was on Sunday, June 30, when the Indians bowed to the Detroit Tigers in two games, 10 to 2 and 2 to 0. The official paid attendance that day was about 18,500.

Sunday the Boston Red Sox played to the second largest crowd of the season both in Cleveland and the American League. The Boston club was paid for about 17,700. The Red Sox won the first, 2 to 1, in twelve innings, and the Indians grabbed the second, 2 to 0, in six rounds.

HAWAIIAN SWIMMERS ARE PROVED O. K. BY A. A. U.

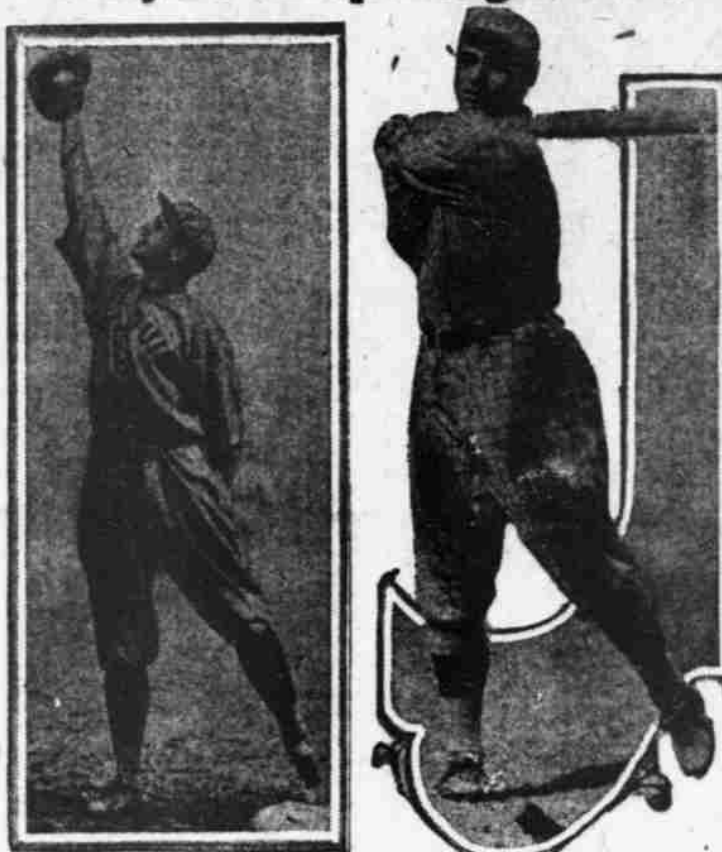
NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Duke Kahamoku, Harold Kruger and Clarence Lane, with their manager, Owen Merrick, have been fully exonerated by the special investigation committee of the National A. A. U. of charges laid against them by the Central A. A. U. officials that they had padded their expense accounts while touring through the West.

F. W. Rubien, secretary-treasurer of the National A. A. U., finds that the swimmers in no way violated the rules and absolves them of the unfounded charges.

CATLIN SWIMS WELL. Catlin carried off first honors in the swimming meet held at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday. Three firsts and a second were scored by Catlin in the junior events. Hattigan featured in the intermediate events, and Larry in the senior trials.

CHASE IS SUSPENDED. NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Hal Chase, the Red Sox' veteran first baseman, has been suspended for indifferent play by Manager Mathewson, and he may quit the team.

They're in Spotlight Now



On the left you see George Sisler, who shapes up as the best first baseman in either major league this season. Phil Ball, owner of the Browns, values Sisler at \$100,000. On the right is Zack Wheat, the Brooklyn Dodgers' veteran outfielder, who has hit safely in twenty-one straight games, tying the record set up earlier by Eddie Foster, the Griffs' midget third sacker. Wheat is playing great ball for Wilbert Robinson's outfit this year.

LOOKING 'EM OVER

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER

Baseball is dying away in poor fashion. Instead of keeping their heads up, both the magnates and the players are "dogging it," to use a well-understood phrase. To use a baseball phrase, their "dobbars are down." League discipline has not existed for more than a year. Now even club-discipline is lacking.

Twice this year has Greasy Neale, the Cincinnati outfielder, taken part in fist fights on the field. He assaulted Bill Killifer, the Cubs' catcher, in Chicago and wasn't even suspended. Monday he engaged in a pitched battle with Lee Magee, of his own team, and after the dust had cleared away, both men played against the Brooklyn club.

With the magnates fighting by word of mouth, it is not alarming to find the players mixing it up with their fists. With the magnates refusing to obey the rules of baseball, it is not surprising to find the players flouting their managers' orders.

The longer the game continues, and the nearer Labor Day approaches, the more is one obliged to conclude that a hiatus of two or three years will do the country and the game a world of good. It is not likely that the fans will miss much the type of game they have watched these last two months. But they'll miss the magnates' chatter, though, for they got many a hearty laugh out of that during the cold weather.

THE STAR-BULLETIN. From Ossining, N. Y., comes the Star-Bulletin, edited by "B. H. No. 8555." This man is an inmate of the famous Sing Sing prison, and when he went there the Star-Bulletin obtained a crack editor, judging from his handwriting.

Out of sixteen bright lively pages (three and one-half are devoted to baseball games played by Sing Sing teams against many teams from the outside. We discover "Lefty" Dunlap, who celebrated his "big day" on June 23, when he fanned thirteen of the All-Stamford bunch and walked but one. The Mutual Welfare League presented him with a handsome silver cup.

"Steve" Finn, who is told, "pitches and umpires his own game," being a

KUMAGAE MAY COME HERE FOR MATCHES LATER

Washington tennis players may have a chance to see Ichiji Kumagae, Japan's sensational tennis player, in action here, if present plans carry. It is expected that the Japanese star will visit the Capital some time during the summer after the national championships as he was slated to appear here two years ago and was unable to make the trip.

If present plans carry Kumagae will be booked up in a special benefit match with one of the crack players here. At the present time there are more high-class players in the city than ever before. War work has brought a number of top notches here and they have been taking the courts frequently.

Washington boasts in Conrad Doyle one of the best players in the country. Doyle is not at his best, but can be counted upon to give the Japanese player quite an argument. Of the others who are playing are Robert Leroy, Ralph Haggis, Fred Haggis, Dwight Partridge, Ted Whitney, Cedric Major, Arthur Sweetser, Frank Watrous and Lieut. W. A. Norrell.

During the past year several other high-class players have been seen on the courts here. Last summer Dean Mathew, Hugh Keliher, William A. Larned and Charles Garland have been playing, while Robert D. Wrenn has been in the city on war work. Larned is now a major and is in London. It is understood Wrenn is also a major and is said to be abroad.

Mathew and Keliher won their commissions in the training camp at Fort Myer last summer and are probably "over there."

If Kumagae can arrange to come down it is not unlikely that a Red Cross match will be staged in which he will play the Japanese title holder perform.

WOULD ENGAGE MARINE TEAM TO END LEAGUE

Naval Operations players want to play the Marine Headquarters, composed mostly of Quantico marines, the remaining game scheduled in the Navy Interbureau League. The club disbanded the Tuesday night, deciding to have Naval Operations and the Marines play a three-game series.

Operations players maintain that they have won the first series, that they are leading in the second series to date, and that to play the Marines a three game series for the championship is unfair. Operations is willing to play the remaining scheduled game, and losing this will agree to stage a three-game series for the title with the Marines.

But Hager, Otto Von Herbulis, and R. E. Matthews, members of the Operations team, are waiting on Fred Moore, of the Marines Headquarters, for a discussion of the proposition.

ANOTHER CONTENDER LOOMS UP IN FIGHT

Another contender looms up in the Navy Yard League today. The circuit voted to play off all postponed games, and when the Gunners faced Tool and Miscellaneous Division, Frye proved to be the real thing for the Gunners. The former Federal Leaguer pitched a one-hit game and fanned five. Gunners won by 5 to 0, and stand second in the league.

Here's how the teams stand:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Clapcoats	14	7	.667
Gun	11	8	.579
Tool and Misc	11	9	.550
Torpedo	10	9	.526
Ordnance	6	12	.333
Quadrant	7	14	.333

The Gunners have a chance to come up on even terms with Clapcoats.

DUDLEY TO GO UP. Jack Dudley, junior champion here last season, will probably go up to Forest Hill, L. I., for the national championships this season. Dudley is beyond the age limit for the title event here this season.

BASEBALL ASSOCIATION TO BE FORMED TOMORROW

Permanent organization of baseball teams under the District Baseball Association will be effected tomorrow night when representatives of some thirteen teams gather at the Star club rooms.

War activities have blotted out the old Amateur Baseball Association of the District which operated with various leagues for many seasons. The old order will be a thing of the past and the new organization will take its place for the sole purpose of conducting a championship baseball series each season.

Independent teams, service teams and leagues, three in number, have had unusually successful seasons this year. Out of more than eighty baseball teams a baker's dozen feel that they are entitled to consideration when it comes to entering a baseball series for the District title.

Last Friday representatives of twelve clubs and leagues together met to start things going for a championship series. Robert Doyle was elected president of the organization, E. L. Bennett was chosen as secretary, and C. R. McClure as treasurer.

A board of governors was chosen from H. C. Byrd, of the Evening Star; John Dugan, of the Washington Herald; William H. Hotel, of the Washington Post, and Bryan Morse, of the Washington Times. With President Doyle, these men will present a constitution and set of playing rules for the organization at tomorrow night's meeting.

Twelve New Ready. The teams now lined up for the championship series are the Quantico Marines, Naval Operations, Rex Athletic Club, Army Medical School, Navy Ordnance, Navy Yard League, Navy Interbureau League, Departmental League, 437th Engineers, Agriculture Department, Clarendon Athletic Club, Red Cross, Camp Meigs, 604th Engineers, Company F, and the Capital Publishers.

It was decided at the first meeting to stage a championship series in three sections. The independent teams are to be grouped together to determine a champion; the league winners are to be played in a similar manner, while the service teams are to be staged in a series. The winners of the three divisions are to engage in a final series.

Unless the association decides to change this procedure and substitute a two-division affair, the title games will be played in that order.

Many Teams Listed. The representatives of the various teams are M. L. Freedman, Naval Interbureau League; Lieut. J. J. Kaveny, and Thomas Crooke, Navy Yard League; Chester Lyons, Departmental League; and 437th Engineers; Lane Lacey, Naval Operations; Thomas Degman, Naval Ordnance; Lieut. James Craig, Quantico Marines; Joe Giebel, Red Cross; W. S. Steele, Company F, 604th Engineers; J. Mulvey, Capital Publishers; James E. Wright, Rex Athletic Club; J. Ruggs Jones, Clarendon Athletic Club; Ruff, Army Medical School, and J. A. Weider, Camp Meigs.

According to information several other teams are expected to be present at tomorrow night's meeting. There is a tendency to have the series scheduled in two sections according to several managers who want the teams listed as service and independent organizations.

GARBER IN FORM. J. Paul Garber, crack pitcher of the Cardinals, was in form yesterday winning 14 to 2 game from the Tigers. Garber fanned nineteen men and allowed but five hits. It was the eleventh straight win for the pitcher.

TAKE COURTS TODAY. Treasury and Smithsonian play in the Departmental League matches on the Princeton courts today at 3:30 o'clock. Treasury can gain undisputed lead by taking all five matches.

CROWD NOT ALL THERE, BUT OBJECT IS GAINED. Hot weather kept the crowd down at the War Department Red Cross benefit game yesterday at American League Park, when Navy Yard Marines and Finance and Accounts played, but tickets to the tune of \$3,000 are reported as being sold.

Mrs. Newton D. Baker tossed the first ball out, and the Navy Yard Marines and Finance and Accounts furnished a first-class article of baseball, the Marines winning by 3 to 1.

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